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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventor: Takaaki NAGAI  
Serial No.: 09/837,734  
Filed: April 17, 2001  
Title: **NON-VOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR STORAGE  
APPARATUS AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF**  
Examiner: Douglas W. Owens  
Group Art Unit: 2811

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

SIR :

Applicant requests that the time for taking action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for:

☐ one month ☒ **three months**

☐ two months ☐ four months

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17 for the extension of time is \$930.00.

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☐ Applicant is a small entity entitled to pay reduced fees in this application. A verified small entity statement:

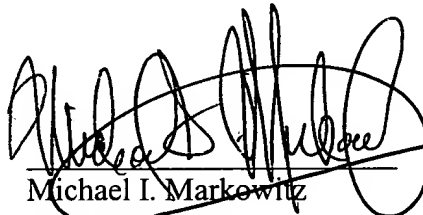
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Also enclosed is a:

☒ **Response to Official Action**

☐ Notice of Appeal ☐ Appeal Brief

Respectfully submitted,

  
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